



## Deceit...



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humans

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### Chapter 1 by Neolillz

Humans are interesting. I know I say that like I'm not human but believe me, I am. I work for a company called Deceit. Deceit is a program, run by the government, that researches and document the way living things work. It then creates fake people, Robots if you must, to become friends with randomly picked humans to see how they communicate and behave.

Each deceit member is given two people to investigate each year. We take notes about them and when the 6 month mark approaches we specially design and program a Robot that they will easily be able to communicate them. Like a custom personality.

It's my job to research Matthias Simmons and Tyrone Williams. They seem like pretty ordinary people to me. My investigation starts tomorrow as that is the first of January. Its interesting how I have to Kinda stalk them until school starts. That will be... Interesting...

### Chapter 2 by Katelin Guerin



We're given the option to either observe in person or by computer. I find that computer monitoring can be useful when you can't exactly follow who you're investigating

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After about an hour or so, I finish unpacking posters, paintings, and things to make the room appear more lively. The computer screens are all set up and I'm ready to start my investigation.

I press a button and the whole system lights up.

The first person I see when the camera flips on is Matthias in the kitchen. He's stirring something into metal pot, measuring with his eyes how much will fit inside the bowls to the side of him. On another section of the camera, I see Tyrone sitting on a couch in their living room. The TV illuminates his drowsy face (one mini camera is set on top of it) and the HAPPY NEW YEARS letters hanging above him.

As I said before, they appear to be pretty ordinary people to me. They're just two older teen boys hanging out with each other while their parents are out.

After about 45 minutes, I'm almost falling asleep. They're eating a New Year's dinner and chatting.

Then suddenly, it's dark. Not in my room, but in theirs.

"Tyrone must have shut the TV off," I mumble.

I move the mouse to a smile green icon on the bottom right corner of the screen and click on it.

Night Vision Mode: Activated.

I almost fall out of my chair at the sight that appears on my screen.

Tyrone and Matthias are no longer looking at each other and talking, but now they stare directly at me.

Directly at the camera.

In the dark.

Chapter 3 by Phlox91x

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I continued to look at them  
breathing...they weren't

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to see if they were even

I started to panic, and hyperventilating. I started to take deep breaths. I clicked a few buttons to start recording.

I decided to let it record and I walked out of my room and walked away. I then got out of the building and decided to walk to a nearby park.

Then I decided to sync my phone to my computer and looked at the camera. Matthias and Tyrone got up and walked to there rooms.

I switched to a camera in Tyrone's room and it seemed normal. When I switched to Matthias's room...it wasn't normal. He was looking at the camera and right before he flipped me off and mouthed the words f\* off

#### Chapter 4 by Samuel Tyback



And just then I came in grasps with the reality I was trying to avoid...I was busted.

Deceit was a sort of venture by the government to understand A.I better but it completely ignored the privacy laws. It was never revealed to the public how it got its data. Since I was working for the government, I wasn't even sure of the legality of my job.

The thing that terrified me the most was that I have never heard of anyone getting busted before. Realizing how deep of a trouble I was in, I instantly broke into a cold sweat. However, there was this contingency protocol, a phone number I was supposed to memorize.

As I tried to type in the phone number with my sweaty fingers, I almost dropped the phone. I hastily pushed the phone against my ear, waiting for instructions. But it didn't even connect. Maybe I typed in the wrong number. I took a deep breath, tried to calm down. I tried to recall the number, typed in the one number that flashed in my head...it couldn't have been the wrong one. But nothing...same as the last time...it didn't even connect.

I was confused, wasn't sure what I was supposed to do anymore. Instinct told me to go back to

my apartment, clear everything out, and head back to company HQ.

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unknown number. The message read, " LOOK UP". I stopped and turned my head slowly up. I froze. The view made me completely uncertain of my future.

It was the flames...my apartment was on fire.

### Chapter 5 by Aidan S.



I looked at the flames that swallowed my apartment. My home, along with many other people's home, was destroyed. My instant reaction was that this must have something to do with me getting caught. I then realized that wouldn't make any sense. Deceit doesn't even know that I was caught yet. Right?

I looked at my phone and didn't know whether to call Deceit or 911. It's pretty pathetic when you think about it. I'm so attached to my job at Deceit that even when my apartment is on fire, I am still thinking about doing work for my job. Luckily for me, three fire trucks come from behind me, but they do not park by the curb. There is a black car parked in front of the fire hydrant that the fire men need to get to. I rush over to the black car so I can tell him to leave.

As I rush over to the black car, a sight from the burning apartment frightens me. I see what seems to be Matthias holding a flamethrower and wearing a black suit, standing by the burning building. I feel hot, and my vision is getting faint and when I look again, Matthias is gone. I shake the thought from my head and make it to the black car. Right before I get to the car, it starts to drive off. Before it disappears completely, I see the driver of the car and I feel a snap in my brain. The person driving in the car is the same person I watched on the screen with Matthias. Tyrone. I fall to my knees as the fire men step out to get me.

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